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1. IN FEB 1 MEETING WITH POLITICAL COUNSELOR,
AMBASSADOR PAPAIOANNOU, DIRECTOR OF FIRST POLITICAL
DIRECTORATE (COMMUNIST COUNTRIES), MFA, MADE FOLLOWING
COMMENTS ON PRESENT STATE OF GREEK-GDR RELATIONS,
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SUPPLEMENTING INFO CONTAINED REFTEL.

2. WWII CLAIMS AGAINST GDR WILL BE LIMITED TO THOSE OF PRIVATE GREEK CITIZENS. BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL AFTER EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS, WHICH IS APPARENTLY MANY MONTHS AWAY. AS REPORTED REFTEL, GDR HAS RENTED PLUSH VILLA IN FASHIONABLE ATHENS SUBURB FOR ITS EMBASSY AND INSTALLED A CHARGE; MFA HAS HALF SERIOUSLY SUGGESTED GDR MAKE SIMILAR ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE TO GOG. WITHOUT ANY SUCCESS TO DATE. GOG'S PRE-WWII EMBASSY WAS ALMOST TOTALLY OBLITERATED BY BOMBARDMENT DURING LAST DAYS OF WAR, AND EFFORTS TO LOCATE SUITABLE SPACE IN EAST BERLIN ARE PROCEEDING SLOWLY. PAPAIOANNOU SAID GOG HAD RECEIVED OFFER FOR LAND ON WHICH OLD EMBASSY STOOD BUT INTENDED TO HOLD IT, IMPLYING THIS MIGHT BE PART OF EVENTUAL BARGAIN FOR OTHER PROPERTY. TASCA

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